

Claim Amendments

1-35 (Cancelled).

36 (New). A system comprising:

a storage device to store first information that indicates whether the system is allowed to be used; and

a processor to enable the use of the system, in response to determining that a grace period indicated by the first information has not expired to control payment associated with the system.

37 (New). The system of claim 36 wherein the first information comprises a license, in response to determining that the license is corrupted, the processor halts use of the system in response to determining a new license is not available.

38 (New). The system of claim 36 wherein the first information comprises a license, the processor further check if a new license with a new expiration date has been obtained based on a payment status of the system, in response to determining that the first license has expired.

39 (New). The system of claim 38 wherein the processor further disables the use of the system, in response to determining that a new license is unavailable.

40 (New). The system of claim 36 wherein the first information comprises a license, the processor further halts the use of the system in response to determining from the license that the grace period to use the system has expired.

41 (New). The system of claim 40 wherein the processor further enables the use of the system, in response to determining that a new license is available.

42 (New). The system of claim 41, wherein the processor further enables the use of the system in response to determining that the new license is a complete license.

43 (New). The system of claim 41, wherein the processor further enables the use of the system in response to determining that the new license is valid.

44 (New). The system of claim 36 wherein the first information comprises a license, the processor enables the use of the system, in response to determining that the first license has expired and the grace period to use the system has not expired.

45 (New). The system of claim 1, wherein the processor further enables the use of the system, in response to determining that the first information is valid.

46 (New). A method, comprising:
checking validity status of a first license that comprises usage information of a user device; and
determining whether to disable use of the user device based on the validity status of the first license and a grace period information associated with the first license.

47 (New). The method of claim 46 further comprising:
determining if the first license has expired to obtain the validity status.

48 (New). The method of claim 46 further comprising:
comparing a number of times the user device has been used with a value in the first license to check the validity status.

49 (New). The method of claim 46 further comprising:
determining if a new license is available, in response to determining that the first license is corrupted; and
checking a validity status of the new license if it is available.

50 (New). The method of claim 46 further comprising:

in response to determining that the first license is invalid, determining if a new license is available based on a payment status associated with the user device.

51 (New). The method of claim 50 further comprising:

disabling the use of the user device, in response to determining that the new license is unavailable.

52 (New). The method of claim 46 further comprising:

disabling the use of the user device, in response to determining that the downloading of the new license is failed and the grace period has expired.

53 (New). The method of claim 46 further comprising:

enabling the use of the user device, in response to determining that the first license has expired and the grace period has not expired.

54 (New). A system comprising:

a user device that stores a license, wherein the use of the user device is enabled in response to determining that the license has expired and a grace period has not expired; and

a server that issues the license for the user device based on payment status of the user device.

55 (New). The system of claim 54, further comprising:

a network that couples the user device with the server.

56 (New). The system of claim 54, further comprising:

a bank system that monitors payment status of the user device.

57 (New). The system of claim 55, wherein the user device further requests for a new license from the server in response to determining that the license is invalid and the grace period has expired.

58 (New). The system of claim 57, wherein the server checks the payment status from a bank system and issues the new license to the user device, in response to determining that the payment is confirmed by the bank system.

59 (New). The system of claim 54, wherein the user device checks the integrity and validity of the new license in response to receiving the new license from the server.

60 (New). The system of claim 57, wherein the user device disables use of the user device, in response to determining that the new license is unavailable.

61 (New). A machine readable medium comprising a plurality of instructions that in response to being executed result in a computing device

determining whether to halt use of the computing device based on a license stored in the computing device to control payment of the computing device, and

enabling using of the computing device in response to determining that the license has expired and a grace period is available.

62 (New). The machine readable medium of claim 61, further comprising a plurality of instructions that in response to being executed result in a computing device

halting using of the computing device, in response to determining that the license is corrupted and a new license is not available.

63 (New). The machine readable medium of claim 61, further comprising a plurality of instructions that in response to being executed result in a computing device

in response to determining that the license has expired, enabling operation of the computing device in response to determining that a new valid license is available based on payment status of the computing device.

64 (New). The machine readable medium of claim 61, further comprising a plurality of instructions that in response to being executed result in a computing device in response to determining that the grace period has not expired, enabling operation of the computing device and issuing a warning to get a new license.

65 (New). The machine readable medium of claim 61, further comprising a plurality of instructions that in response to being executed result in a computing device in response to determining that a grace period for the license has expired, determining whether to halt use of the computing device based on whether a new license associated with payment status of the computing device is available.

66 (New). The machine readable medium of claim 65, further comprising a plurality of instructions that in response to being executed result in a computing device checking the validity of the new license that is obtained in response to determining that the payment of the computing device is confirmed.

67 (New). The machine readable medium of claim 61, further comprising a plurality of instructions that in response to being executed result in a computing device disabling operation of the computing device, in response to determining that the new license is unavailable and the grace period has expired.

68 (New). The machine readable medium of claim 61, further comprising a plurality of instructions that in response to being executed result in a computing device enabling operation of the computing device, in response to determining that the license is valid.